Assembly's effort praised

Editor:

I am writing to praise the efforts of the Appomattox Assembly under the direction of Thomas Chilton, president, to improve traffic conditions in Appomattox. It is to the benefit of everyone that something be done about the hazardous conditions that exist along Confederate Boulevard (Highway 460).

The petition was an excellent idea. I wish to thank all citizens who did sign it. I had no idea a petition had been drafted and I am quite sure others in the county were unaware of its circulation. Had I known about it, I certainly would have signed it.

Sure, a traffic director or traffic light for each hazardous intersection would cost money. However, the lives saved would outweigh the cost. Why wait for a bypass? It may never come into existence. Appomattox needs additional traffic lights, and she needs them now!

Sincerely,
Bobby Taylor

Club appreciates support

Editor:

The GFWC-Appomattox Junior Woman's Club would like to thank the community for their support of our "Breakfast With Santa". This project was a huge success.

By the end of the breakfast we had served 482 meals and 300 children had visited with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thank you for your patience with the wait in line. Proceeds from this, and all Junior Woman's Club projects will go back into our community through our philanthropic budget.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their donations toward the meal and favors for the children: Affairs To Remember, American Federal Savings and Loan, Babcock Manor, Burger King, Central Fidelity Bank, Farmers National Bank, Food World, Ground Round, Parkway Grocery, T & N Market, Top Treat, State Farm Insurance, Stephen's Fashions, Village Market, Webb's Tire, Westover Dairy - Dairy Queen, Osborne, Westvaco, Wilbun's Supermarket, Wilkes Jewelers.

We would also like to thank Shirley Eye, Margie Morris and Harrilon West at the Primary School for all their assistance in aiding this project to run smoothly.

Tnx goes to our elves, Denise Drinkard, Stacy Myrick and Angie Thompson. A very special thanks goes to Dot Davidson and Alton Smith for their hot line to the North Pole.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Ford
Breakfast Chairman

THE SPOUT SPRING RURITAN CLUB installed officers for 1985 at their annual ladies night meeting, held Dec. 3, at the Heritage Inn. Officers elected to serve were (from left) David Smith, secretary; John Wesely, director; Dennis Ferguson, president; John Gillette, director; Peyton Cumbie, vice president; Claude Dickerson, (not shown) was elected treasurer.

Sons set up scholarship to honor Mrs. Beales

Two alumni of the College of William and Mary, Walter Randolph Beales, III, a 1966 graduate, and his brother Randolph Allen Beales, a 1963 graduate, have established a permanently endowed scholarship fund in honor of their mother, Harriet Pittard Beales (Mrs. Walter R. Beales, Jr.), coinciding with the 50th anniversary of her graduation from William and Mary in 1934.

Income from the Beales Scholarship Fund will provide a partial scholarship renewable for four years to a deserving student from one of the following southern Virginia counties: Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Greensville, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Prince Edward; and the cities of Emporia and South Boston.

A native of Clarksville, Harriet Pittard Beales was active in student government and a broad range of student activities during her years at William and Mary. She received a bachelor's degree in home economics and taught that subject from 1934-40. She and her husband make their home in Boydton where Mrs. Beales is a member of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA), the Daughters of the American Revolution and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Prestwould House in Clarksville.

Orlando attorney Walter Beales, III, is vice president for development, Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund, the nation's oldest and largest attorney-owned, bar-related title insurer. He obtained his law degree in 1969 from Mercer University School of Law. In 1982, he was named chairman of the Florida Bar's Real Property, Probate and Trust Section for the 1983-84 bar year.

Randolph A. Beales, a second year law student at the University of Virginia, was named last month to the Board of Trustees of The Endowment Association of the College of William and Mary in Virginia, Inc., a private foundation which helps formulate the College's investment policies. In addition to serving as president of the Student Association and chairman of the Board of Student Affairs while at William and Mary, he was also a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Omicron Delta Kappa, Pi Sigma Alpha and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies. After graduating in 1982, he served in Richmond as an assistant to Lynda Johnson Robb, wife of Gov. Charles S. Robb.

Local students active in Ferrum College clubs

Five students from the Lynchburg area are members or officers of an organization at Ferrum College.

Scott Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barrie D. Booth of Goode, is the parliamentarian of Phi Beta Lambda business club.

Marc Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Cohen of Lynchburg, is vice president of financial operations for the Young Republicans.

Timothy Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Lambert of Rustburg, is a member of the tennis team.

Jeffrey Holdren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Be Bee Holdren of Lynchburg, and Jan Armentrout, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Armentrout of Appomattox, are president's aides.

Ferrum College is a four-year church-related liberal arts institution which awards bachelor's and associates degrees. The coeducational college has an enrollment of 1,450. Ferrum's 754-acre campus is located 35 miles southwest of Roanoke, Va. in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Shorter listed in new book

The 1985 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES will include the name of Miss Susan Dexter Shorter of Appomattox, Virginia, a member of the Senior class at Averett College in Danville, Va.

Miss Shorter, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Shorter, was selected on the basis of her academic achievement, service to the community leadership, and potential for continued success.

Miss Shorter joins an elite group of students selected from more than 1,500 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Averett College is a liberal arts, four year private college of about 1,000 men and women. Both day students and dormitory students attend Averett, which is located in Danville, Va. just north of the North Carolina line.

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Markets open

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

The Tobacco Market opened last Tuesday with 156,641 pounds sold in Lynchburg for an average of $138.87 per cwt. The companies with an average of $127.19 a year ago. Farmville sold 144,000 pounds for an average of $137.00. Sales will continue through December 19. The market re-opens January 22.

Virginia yields of corn are estimated at 102 bushels per acre. Compared with a 48 bushel average a year ago. The total yield is expected to be more than 3 times the amount produced in 1983.

Soybean yields are forecasted at 29 bushels per acre, which ties the all-time yield established in 1982. The expected total yield of 21.2 million bushels is an all-time record and more than twice the 1983 yield.

The fire-cured tobacco yield is projected at 6.1 million pounds.

Once again Essex soybeans was the leading variety planted in the state, accounting for 61 percent of the total crop.

Double cropped beans were used on 62 percent of the soybean acreage.

Each year Americans lose well over 50 billion dollars gambling, according to Gamblers Anonymous.

Whenever a gardener saves a seed from a garden plant intending to use the seed for next year, the gardener is gambling.

The National Garden Bureau explains that it is a matter of control. In the garden, a person does not have pollination control and genetic recombination occurs. A simple example of genetic recombination is a honey bee landing on a tall zinnia plant searching for nectar. The bee is drawn to the purple flower which contains purple pollen. When gathering food, the pollen sticks to the bee's legs. Next, the bee flies to a dwarf zinnia plant, attracted to its pure white flower. The bee looks for food and spreads the purple pollen on the pure white bloom. The act is called cross pollination, which results in genes recombing. The bee inadvertently crossed a purple and white zinnia--an act of chance without control.

When seed is produced by seed companies, they control the pollen that is placed on the flower. They remove all chance and control any variables.

Saving seed can be the biggest gamble a gardener takes. Beginning with fresh seed each season assures gardeners of a productive and satisfying gardening experience.

The next major advance in soybean harvesting may allow farmers to bring in 2 percent more of their crop than they now can with today's combines with row-crop headers.

John Hummel, USDA Ag Engineer, projects annual savings of $240 million based on last year's soybean harvest.

The extra income could come from impact-cutting beans with a rotary disk mower. This technique cuts and "airlifts" soybeans into the harvesting machine so fewer seed land on the ground.

Again this year, there will be an "Open House" at the Red House Soil Evaluation Center on December 27. There will be several demonstrations to show that every producer doesn't need the same kind of soil.

Everyone doesn't need the highest selling bull. The beef producer that has off-farm employment--runs 30 cows and sees them only on Saturday when they are "salted" doesn't require the same bull used by a purebred producer.

There are many beef producers that should consider using only the bottom third of performance tested bulls that are offered for sale. He can make significant genetic improvements with these quality bulls.

The size of herd, management, and objectives of producers varies widely. There are bulls that will meet these needs that don't cost "an arm and a leg."

Winter annuals, especially chickweed, are major problems on most farms growing alfalfa. Now is a good time to apply a herbicide before the ground is frozen. Consider age of stand, whether it is a pure stand of alfalfa or an alfalfa/orchardgrass stand. There's a herbicide to fit these different conditions.

Don't overlook soil sampling. Pull the samples before hard winter sets in. Fall and early winter is a good time to apply lime.

FmHA makes 2592 house loans

The Farmers Home Administration helped 2592 Virginia residents obtain housing through its single-family and rental programs during the 1984 fiscal year, State Farmers Director Robert M. Gossey reported this week.

The loans, totaling $79,041,477, were made under programs to assist families who are without safe, decent and sanitary housing and who need credit but cannot obtain it from private lenders.

Gossey said that during the 12 months ending Sept. 30, FmHA provided 1640 single family home loans totaling $51,084,767, and 26 rental housing loans totaling $27,956,710, which provided for 952 housing units.

Nationally preliminary figures show FmHA provided some 65,000 loans totaling $2.8 billion in all rural housing assistance.

FmHA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It provides loan assistance to farmers and other rural residents who need credit but cannot get it elsewhere. All loans are to be repaid in full, plus interest.

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APPOMATTOX COUNTY'S Clarence Jones examines part of his dark fire-cured tobacco harvest during last Thursday's opening-day tobacco market activities at the New Farmers Warehouse. Early prices for the leaf product were said to be good. (photo by Jim Smith)

Opening Day

ASCS Today

by TOM CONRAD

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM (ACP) AND FORESTRY INCENTIVES (FIP) PROGRAM ANNOUNCED - A signup period for the ACP and the FIP will start on December 14, 1984 and run through Jan. 15, 1985.

ACP - Perm. Veg. Cover Establishment - 60 percent; Stripcropping Systems - 75 percent; Terraces - 60 percent; Diversions - 60 percent; Watering Troughs - 50 percent; Perm. Veg. Cover on Critical Areas - 75 percent; No-till Systems - $15 per acre; Sod Waterways - 75 percent; Animal Waste Control Facilities - 50 percent; Forest Tree Plantings - 60 percent; Forest Tree Stand Improvement - 60 percent.

FIP - Planting Trees - 80 percent; Improving a Stand of Trees - 80 percent.

Under the ACP there will be a Long Term Agreement (LTA) signup from Jan. 8 through Jan. 15, 1985. These are agreements that run from three to 10 years. The same practices are available under LTAs as under the regular ACP.

A few Rents farmers should know concerning the ACP and FIP are as follows:

*Soil samples are needed for the permanent vegetative cover practice.

*Forestry practices under the ACP are applicable on less than 10 acres.

*On FIP, practices are available on 10 acres or more.

*Under ACP there are special rates for low income farmers.

*Applications must be approved before the practice is started to be eligible for cost-share.

All farmers are encouraged to stop by the ASCS office and learn more about the programs.

TOBACCO INFORMATION - The following chart I thought would be of interest to the dark fired farmers in the county.

REPORT OF
1984 HARVESTED ACREAGE
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County	Number of Farms	Harvested Acreage
Amelia	45	104.32
Amherst	18	26.21
Appomattox	109	254.92
Bedford	32	71.88
Brunswick	129	411.31
Buckingham	32	98.41
Campbell	200	635.47
Charlotte	296	960.65
Cumberland	35	119.10
Dinwiddie	73	161.39
Franklin	29	63.79
Greensville	2	3.26
Halifax	153	320.71
Henry	2	4.23
Lunenburg	120	340.73
Mecklenburg	45	92.54
Nelson	4	3.69
Nottoway	64	201.74
Pittsylvania	262	527.50
Prince Edward	116	275.79
Sussex	1	1.93
STATE TOTALS	1697	4079.57

Cheese, butter to be distributed in county

The Appomattox County Department of Social Services will distribute surplus milk, butter and cheese on Thursday, Dec. 13.

The distribution will be held at the Appomattox Depot on Main Street from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Surplus food will be given to the recipients of Food Stamps, Medicaid, Aid to Dependent Children, Supplemental Security Income and Fuel Assistance. Also, people with a gross income below 130 percent of the poverty level will be eligible.

Medicaid and SSI recipients must show their Medicaid I.D. cards to receive the surplus food. Recipients of Fuel and ADC will be checked against a master list.

Food Stamp recipients must bring the notice sent with the December Food Stamps. People requesting surplus food based on income will be required to sign a form listing all household members and all gross monthly income. Be prepared to supply this information. (See chart below).

Only one allotment of surplus food will be issued to a household. Please bring a bag or box with you.

Family Size	Monthly Gross Income
1	$ 527
2	709
3	891
4	1,073
5	1,255
6	1,437
7	1,619
8	1,801
9	1,983
10	2,165
11	3,347
12	3,529
13	3,711

Alvis attends conference

John F. Alvis of Concord represented Southern States Cooperative's members at the association's 61st annual stockholders' meeting in Richmond, Nov. 14-15.

Also attending the session was Dan G. Coleman of Coleman and Sons, Inc.; local Southern States retail dealer.

They heard Gene A. James, the co-op's president and chief executive officer, report that total dollar volume for the 1983-84 fiscal year reached $697.5 million, an increase of 8.6 percent over the previous year.

"It was a year of recovery, even though the economic environment for agriculture has remained tenuous, James said. "Not only did Southern States achieve its second highest dollar volume in history -- exceeded only in 1980-81 -- but it also strengthened its position to be of still greater service to farmers, well into the future.

"Most of the divisions and product lines showed gains. This was not at all unexpected, because of the PIK program, the summer drought and other problems that soured 1982-83."

James also reported that "the consensus is that uncertainty lies ahead for agriculture. We do not expect to see the rapid growth of the 1970s repeated. For well known reasons, growth of our agricultural exports has slowed significantly, and we see nothing on the horizon that indicated any new fast growth that can be sustained."

James told the delegates assembled from five states that net earnings (after taxes) reached $10.5 million as compared to $2.7 last year. The level of earnings was sufficient for a patronage refund of one-half percent," he said.

Feed tonnage was up a dramatic 97,485 tons to 574,500 tons, compared with 477,000 tons last year.

Fertilizer volume reached 692,000 tons compared with 651,000 tons for 1982-83.

Petroleum sales volume totalled $188 million, up from $175.2 million the year before. Gallonage increased from 197,382,000 to 224,580,000 this past year.

Seed sales reached an all time high of $27.2 million as compared with $22.9 million the previous year.

Total farm supply volume decreased slightly from $110.1 million the year before to $109.4 million.

Grain marketing volume stood at $112.5 million as compared to $117.1 million the year before. Bushels handled were 26,017,000 million as compared to 34,170,000 the previous year. While volume was down the grain marketing division still managed to operate in the black.

Citrus orders are now here

The FFA citrus fruit orders will be available for customers on Thursday, Dec. 6. Please pick up your fruit as soon as possible. If you have any questions please call 352-5602.

The fruit will be available at the Appomattox County High School Agriculture Department according to the following schedule: Thursday, Dec. 6 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 7 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 9 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

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